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by deleting all the language of the first resolving clause following the colon and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) A delegation not to exceed seven (7) voting persons from the state of Tennessee, shall be appointed to represent the state of Tennessee at a Conference of the States for the purposes described in Section 2 to be convened as provided in Section 3. The delegation shall not exceed seven (7) voting persons as follows: (a) the governor, or, if the governor does not wish to be a member of the delegation then a constitutional officer selected by the governor; and (b) a number of legislators not to exceed six (6); three (3) from each house of which at least one (1) shall be from each major political party, selected by the presiding officer of that house. Each presiding officer may designate two (2) alternate legislator delegates, one (1) from each party, who have voting privileges in the absence of the primary delegates.

(2) The delegates of The Conference of the States will propose, debate and vote on elements of an action plan to restore checks and balances between states and the national government. Measures agreed upon will be formalized in an instrument called a States' Petition and returned to the delegation's state for consideration by the entire legislature.

(3) The Conference of the States shall be convened under the Section 501(c)(3) auspices of The Council of State Governments in cooperation with the National Governors' Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures no later than

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two hundred seventy (270) days after at least twenty-six (26) legislatures adopt a resolution of participation.

(4) Prior to the official convening of The Conference of the States the steering committee will draft:

- (a) the governance structure and procedural rules for the Conference;
- (b) the process for receiving rebalancing proposals; and
- (c) the financial and administrative functions of the Conference,

including The Council of State Governments as fiscal agent.

(5) The bylaws shall:

- (a) conform to the provisions of this resolution;
- (b) specify that each state delegation shall have one (1) vote at the

Conference; and

(c) specify that the Conference agenda be limited to fundamental, structural, long-term reforms.

(6) Upon the official convening of The Conference of the States, the State delegations will vote upon and approve the Conference governing structure, operating rules and bylaws.